

Prevent Workplace Fires

Know Your H.E.R.O

The best way to stop a fire is to prevent it from starting. By being aware of Heat, Electricity, Repairs, and Oxygen, H.E.R.O.s like you can keep the workplace safer for everyone.

Heat

Heat from equipment, welding, or even a cigarette can ignite a fire.

DO

- Ventilate and protect welding areas.
- Smoke only in permitted areas.

DON'T

- DON'T use space heaters in cluttered or crowded areas.
- DON'T let machinery run without supervision.

Electricity

Exposed wiring and unsafe circuits can spark and ignite a fire.

DO

- Replace worn cords and wires.
- Check for good ground connections.

DON'T

- DON'T overload circuits or outlets.
- DON'T run electric equipment overnight unattended.

Repairs

Friction from damaged equipment or accumulated refuse can catch fire.

DO

- Remove refuse (grease, rust, dust) from motors.
- Maintain and lubricate machine bearings.

DON'T

- DON'T run damaged machinery.
- DON'T work near uncleaned dust and lint.

Oxygen

Reactive gases like oxygen can ignite if heated or even dropped.

DO

- Keep oxygen cylinders upright and properly stored.
- Read chemical label and SDS information to organize gas cylinders.

DON'T

- DON'T put oxygen cylinders near combustibles or unsafe gases.
- DON'T store cylinders near heat source or electrical wiring.

In the event of a fire, unobstructed fire alarms, exits, and sprinklers can also protect your coworkers.



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